

Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

January 30, 2017

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Transportation Building, Conference Rm. 5 & 6

Minutes

JJAC Attendance: Bob Gittens (Chair), Dr. Mark Booher, Ruth Budelmann, Wesley Cotter, Glenn Daly, Margie Daniels, Commissioner Peter Forbes, Keith Lane, Amanda Moran, Bridgete Mussafer, Janelle Riddley, Alisa Yang.

EOPSS Attendance: Angela Davis, Andrew Polk.

Guest Attendance: Child Advocate Maria Mossaides, Josh Dankoff (CfJJ)

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of October 26, 2016 Minutes
3. Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI)
4. Fiscal Update
5. Formula Application for Grant Funds
6. FY17 Three Year Plan/Formula Grant Application
7. Annual Retreat Update
8. Compliance Monitoring, Court Holding Facilities and DMC Update
9. CJJ DMC Conference Update

Handouts: Agenda, Minutes, Work Plan, OJJDP Compliance Policies, OML forms, SSYI Presentation

The meeting opened with a welcome from Chair Gittens and **introductions** by all in attendance.

The **minutes** of the prior meeting were approved.

Andrew Polk provided a **fiscal update** on the Formula and JABG grants:

- ✓ There is \$219,000 available in FFY13 JABG funds for EOPSS to grant out
- ✓ \$75,000 in JABG funds are being allocated to the court holding facility remedies
- ✓ Available FFY13 – FFY16 Formula Grant funds for subgranting in a competitive AGF process amount to \$204,784
- ✓ In addition, the JJAC allocation of the combined Formula Grants amounts to \$45,000 currently available

Mr. Polk discussed the opportunity to begin a competitive **Application for Grant Funds** subaward process with the available Formula Grant funds:

- ✓ Mr. Polk described the competitive Application for Grant Funds process for the benefit of new members
- ✓ An AGF can be posted as early as the Spring

- ✓ Eligible types of programs or projects may include: alternatives to detention, diversion, DMC and/or system improvement
- ✓ The JJAC will decide at the March 13 meeting which program areas to make eligible
- ✓ Mr. Polk will email the JJAC descriptions of prior subgrantees to show examples of what has been funded in the past

Glenn Daly from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) presented on the **Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI)**:

- ✓ There is 6.5 million dollars dedicated to SSYI in the Governor's budget
- ✓ SSYI works with young males between the ages of 17 and 24
- ✓ SSYI partners with OGRs Shannon Grant programs
- ✓ Potential clients are identified by police departments
- ✓ Research shows that a small segment of people are responsible for most of the serious crime
- ✓ Research shows that many perpetrators are or have been involved in EOHHS services
- ✓ Research shows that the program has been successful in reducing violent victimization rates and that it is cost-effective

Mr. Polk discussed the **FFY17 Formula Grant Application/Three Year Plan (update) process, the Compliance Report** and provided an update on **compliance monitoring** activities:

- ✓ The Plan is due April 17, 2017
- ✓ The Compliance Report is due February 28 but we will likely get a one-month extension
- ✓ Mr. Polk informed the new members of the purpose of the Three Year Plan and Compliance Reports and reminded new members of the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDA)
- ✓ Compliance monitoring visits have been underway for the last few months and will be completed in time for the submission of the Compliance Report
- ✓ Former Compliance Monitoring, Ednei Furtado, resigned from the position at the end of November 2016

Chair Gittens discussed the **JJAC Annual Retreat**:

- ✓ Chair Gittens suggested the possibility of having a retreat in the Spring
- ✓ The purpose of the one day retreat is to clarify the JJAC's vision, goals, objectives and activities while giving a chance for JJAC members to get to know each other better and determine ways each can contribute to the work of the JJAC

Chair Gittens asked the guests at the meeting to discuss their work.

Josh Dankoff of Citizens for Juvenile Justice discussed the work he does staffing the **Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Leadership Forum**:

- ✓ The Leadership Forum consists of upper management from agencies such as EOHHS, DCF, DYS, DMH and other stakeholder groups such as District Attorneys
- ✓ Much of the work focuses on the issue of racial and ethnic disparities (RED) in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems
- ✓ Mr. Dankoff discussed the RED training video created by the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and the intention to use it to facilitate conversations with stakeholders designed to raise awareness and develop strategies to address RED

Maria Mossaides, the Child Advocate for the Commonwealth, discussed the work of the **Office of the Child Advocate**:

- ✓ The office has oversight over all children's services in the Commonwealth to ensure safe, fair and effective policies and practices
- ✓ While Massachusetts ranks high in providing good services for children, there exists gaps, such as problems getting therapists with specific expertise due to problems with insurance coverage
- ✓ Other problems concern that lack of strong coordination of services between various agencies and service providers
- ✓ As young people become young adults there is a need to have a continuation of services available for them

Margie Daniels, Executive Director of **Middlesex Partnerships for Youth, Inc.**, described the work of the MPY, its affiliation with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, and its upcoming April 2017 conference which will focus mindfulness in school and law enforcement settings.

Dr. Mark Booher announced that the next JJAC DMC Subcommittee meeting will be on February 27 at 3pm in the Office of Grants and Research.

The meeting was adjourned.